

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 568

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to recognize James G. Purcell for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those estimable citizens who have performed their duties with the utmost probity and whose efforts throughout their years of industry have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, James G. Purcell is one such commendable citizen who has served with honor and distinction during his exemplary career with the Tennessee Technology Center at Crossville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell will be taking a much deserved retirement from his post as Director of the Tennessee Technology Center at Crossville (TTCC) on June 30, 2007, leaving behind an incomparable record of public service that present and future educational leaders would do well to emulate; and

WHEREAS, born in Crossville at the Hotel Taylor on Main Street, James Purcell graduated from Cumberland County High School in 1955, and from Tennessee Technological University in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell began his estimable career in education at Pleasant Hill High School, where he taught business courses from 1959 until 1962; and

WHEREAS, James Purcell joined the TTCC staff in 1969 as Related Subjects instructor, teaching mathematics as it relates to the various technical careers taught at the school, and from 1971 to 1986, he served with acumen and alacrity as the Center's Counselor/Financial Aid Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell was appointed Director of Tennessee Technology Center at Crossville in 1986; under his astute leadership, TTCC has established itself as one of the State's premier technology centers; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community and profession, James Purcell has served as a board member of the WorkForce Investment Board for Area 4, and has served on the Private Industry Council as well as the local Industrial Development Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purcell is a member of the American Technical Education Association and has capably served on many Tennessee Board of Regents committees, including the Directors' Sub Council which he served as Chair from 1989 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding gentleman is also active in many civic and charitable organizations, including Good Samaritans, Hilltoppers, Inc., and Cumberland County Playhouse; in addition, he served for many years in Boy Scouts of America Troop 374 as Scoutmaster, Downtown Crossville, Inc., Greater Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce, and he also serves as President of the Cumberland County High School's Class of 1955 Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Purcell was named 1992 Business Associate of the Year by the American Business Women of America; and

WHEREAS, James Purcell exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as Director of the Tennessee Technology Center at Crossville, Mr. Purcell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, students, and all those fortunate to know him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate James G. Purcell for his many years of laudable service to the good people of this State as Director of the Tennessee Technology Center at Crossville, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to

him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.